

SOUTH DAKOTA DRAWS CANDIDATES OUT INTO OPENEARLY THRULAW

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Before December 31 the various statements of the rival political parties who aspire to the presidency of the United States must make known their intentions, if they desire to compete for the ten delegates to their respective national conventions from South Dakota.

This probably will be news to most, if not all, of the candidates themselves, but the fact is that under the South Dakota preferential primary law candidates who desire to participate in the primary in that state must file their petitions not later than the first day of the new year.

While the South Dakota primary which is fixed by law for March 23 is the third that will be held in the coming year the last day for filing petitions there is earlier than in any other state.

Must Announce Principles. The South Dakota law also is unique in that it requires candidates to file a personal declaration of principles and a statement defining "the issue" of the campaign IN NOT MORE THAN EIGHT WORDS.

The first state presidential primary will be held in New Hampshire on March 9, next. Although there is no direct vote for presidential candidates in that state in the primary, delegates may file statements of preference, if they so desire.

The first really direct vote for presidential candidates will occur in North Dakota when the primary is held in that state on March 14. There candidates may have their names placed on the primary ballot through petition of not less than five hundred voters of their party.

Primaries Follow Fast. On April 6, the Michigan primary will be held. At least one hundred qualified voters of the state must sign a

candidate's petition before 12 o'clock noon on March 1, in order that the candidate may participate in the primary. Delegates to the national convention are not selected at this primary in Michigan but at a state convention.

The following day, April 6, New York and Wisconsin hold presidential preference primaries. Delegates are selected at the primary in New York but no preference is indicated on the primary ballot.

Illinois Law Peculiar. The Illinois primary comes next, on April 13, at which delegates from congressional districts to the national convention will be selected.

The Nebraska primary will be held on April 20. At least one hundred voters from each congressional district must sign a presidential candidate's petition not later than March 20. Presidential candidates are not required in Nebraska to file a personal declaration nor is the presidential preference for candidates for delegates indicated on the primary ballot.

Montana Also in April. In Montana the presidential primary is fixed for April 22, the petitions of presidential candidates requiring the signature of one hundred electors in one-tenth of the precincts in seven counties. The last day for filing petitions is April 2. Delegates elected at the primary are not required to indicate their presidential preference.

These primaries are scheduled for April 27, in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Ohio. In the Bay State there

is no direct vote for presidential candidates, but delegates may express preference, which statement of preference must be approved by the presidential candidate before 5 p. m. on the last day of filing, which is March 23. The presidential preference of the candidates for delegates is indicated on the primary ballot.

In New Jersey at least one thousand voters must sign a petition for the presidential candidate before April 1. The presidential candidate may, if he desires, withdraw the petition. If he requested the presidential preference of delegates running in the primary must be indicated on the primary ballot.

Ohio Requires Platform. In Ohio the presidential candidate either in person or by authorized representative, must file a personal declaration containing a pledge of support of party principles as declared in the national platform of his party. In Ohio presidential candidates must file their declarations not later than February 27 and may withdraw from the primary race prior to March 13. The representative of the candidate or his party, candidates for delegates to the national convention elected in Ohio are required to state their first and second choice for president, which statement appears on the ballot immediately below the candidate's name.

California Pledges Candidates. May 4 will witness primaries in California and in Indiana. The California law provided that the names of the presidential candidates shall be printed on the ballot at the head of the column containing the names of delegates pledged to them. The law stipulates that a vote for a group of delegates is a vote for the candidate to whom the delegates are pledged. Delegates are required to file their petitions not later than March 24, and these petitions must be signed by at least one-half of one per cent, or not more than two per cent, of the entire party vote in the state. In California wherein the candidates for delegates express their presidential preference they usually do so by groups, with the name of the presidential candidate

printed at the head of the column. Candidates for delegates expressing no preference are printed under title "no preference."

Indiana Choice Binding. In Indiana the candidate for president is required to file a personal declaration either in person or by designated representative not later than March 3. Delegates selected at the Indiana state conventions are obligated to vote as a unit for the popular choice of the state as long as his name is before the national convention.

On May 10 delegates to the national conventions are selected in Wyoming at state conventions. There is no presidential preferential primary in the state.

Primaries will be held in Pennsylvania and Vermont on May 18. In the Keystone State petitions must be filed by the presidential candidate not later than April 8. Delegates selected at this primary to the national convention may promise to support the popular choice, so indicated on the ballot or may refuse to make a pledge, at their option. In Vermont the candidate for president must assent to the printing of his name on the official primary ballot, such assent as he gives not later than April 26. Delegates to the national convention are elected in Vermont at a state convention held within three weeks following the primary.

Oregon Primary May 1. On May 21 the presidential preference primary is to be held in Oregon. Candidates for the presidency may file a written request for the printing of their names on the ballot, this request to be made not later than April 18. The candidacy may be presented by petition of at least one thousand electors belonging to the candidate's party. The presidential preference of delegates is not required to be indicated on the primary ballot.

Primaries will be held in Texas and West Virginia on May 25. The West Virginia law also requires the filing of a personal declaration by the presidential candidate, on a form furnished by the secretary of state, not later than April 25. In neither Texas nor West Virginia are the delegates required to indicate their presidential preference in the primaries.

June 8 is the date fixed in Florida for the selection of delegates to the national convention. Candidates for the presidency are required to file personal declarations not later than May 8, but it is optional with the state executive committees of the political parties as to whether a primary or a state convention shall be held.

Many States Optional.

In the following states the state committees of the political parties are authorized to fix the date on which delegates to the national conventions are chosen, in the manner indicated, no preferential presidential primaries being provided for.

Alabama, primary or convention; Arizona, convention or primary; Arkansas, convention; Colorado, convention; Connecticut, convention; Delaware, convention; Georgia, convention or primary; Idaho, convention; Iowa, convention; Kansas, convention; Kentucky, convention; Louisiana, convention; Maine, convention; Minnesota, convention; Mississippi, convention; Missouri, convention; Nevada optional with state committee; New Mexico, convention; North Carolina, convention; Oklahoma, convention; Rhode Island, convention or primary; South Carolina, convention; Tennessee, convention or primary; Utah, convention; Virginia, convention; Washington, convention.

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- 1. For shipment to members of American forces in England, France or Germany.
a. If Christmas parcels are sent by parcel post they must conform to the postal regulations, and in addition packages containing candy and tobacco must be inclosed in tin or light wooden boxes.
b. All boxes shipped by express or mail should be limited to seven pounds in weight and not to exceed 72 inches combined length and girth. No perishable food products other than inclosed in cans should be packed in any such shipments.
c. Mail and express matter should be addressed as now prescribed by postal regulations, that is, plainly marked with name, rank and organization of the person to whom consigned, and both classes of shipments should be marked "Christmas box" and should

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b. Packages should arrive at Fort Mason, San Francisco, Cal., not later than December 1, 1919.
c. Packages should arrive at Fort Mason, San Francisco, Cal., not later than December 3, 1919.
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a. Shipments should comply with the rules as prescribed in paragraph one except that the weight of packages should be limited to 20 pounds in weight and measurements not more than two cubic feet in volume and consignment should be made care of the

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